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## WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

*Oxford Town Hall A & P Room*

*7pm on Tuesday 30 May 2023*

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### **PRESENT:**

Emily Belton (WDC), Jason Goldsworthy (WDC Councillor), Ruby Wilson, Niki Mealings (WDC Councillor), Oliver Kelly, Zack Lappin, Zero Andrew, Yulissa Louw, Aaliyah Raja, Lucy Paterson, Jack Brownlees, Olivia Smith, Charlotte Nihoniho, Eris Le Compte (Minute Secretary).

**Attended via Online:** Amelia Smith, Hannah Wells, Sophia Wiggins, Oscar Bai.

**APOLOGIES:** Mayor Dan Gordon, Lexie Mealings, Thalia Rae,

Ruby welcomed everyone to the meeting and a Karakia was presented by Niki Mealings. The presenter for next month's meeting will be Aaliyah Raja.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 2 May 2023**

Minutes were moved to be accepted (with amendment) by Zack Lappin and seconded by Yulissa Louw. Carried.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Amendment to report by Niki Mealings.

*Should read: Jason and Niki are on a WDC representation review panel looking at the possibility of lowering the voting age for the 2026 general election.*

Emily will follow through with the town mapping when Lexie returns at the July meeting.

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### **1. TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITY**

Everyone present took part in a revolving chair interaction – one minute conversation with each person.

## **2. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **Nicki Mealings**

It has been a busy month at WDC with the Draft Annual Plan hearings now underway and deliberations around the responses to submissions received. Integrated transport is under discussion.

Programme Facilitator Elizabeth Trevathan has been employed under the Mayor's Task Force for Jobs category to help younger persons obtain positions and also including anyone in the community who has had problems in trying to get employment. Elizabeth will also be liaising with employers and business leaders.

The WDC are now working on the District Plan which is expected to take council time of one week in every month over the period of the coming year.

### **Jason Goldsworthy**

Jeff Millward has been appointed as WDC new CEO; Jeff has been WDC acting CEO in the interim.

The Civil Defence volunteer exercise was very well attended. The age of eligibility – 18+ - will be clarified at a later date.

New signs are being arranged for all car parks in the district.

## **3. DUDLEY PARK PROJECT**

A brief meeting was held two weeks ago centering around a discussion on the mural and how to promote the opening e.g., dates, priorities. A letter has been sent to Creative Communities re approval for the mural. Grant will liaise with Vanessa Thompson and Emily.

## **4. ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT**

**Emily Belton**

Planning is underway towards Conservation Week and keep New Zealand Beautiful Week. Discussions to be had include:

- Around submissions
- Prizes
- Art supplies
- hashtags

Everyone is welcome to share their favourite spot in the district.

An environmental meeting will be held in the council chambers on Thursday and everyone is welcome to attend should they wish. The meeting will be broken into 2 x 45-minute sessions. Please advise Emily of your availability. Emily will send out a revised calendar invite.

## **5. CONSULTATIONS OPEN**

**Ministry for Primary Industries – proposed National Organic Standard – closes 16 June.**

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/consultations/proposals-for-the-national-organic-standard>

**Justice Committee – Land Transport (Road Safety) Amendment Bill – closes 4 June.**

[https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/53SCJU\\_SCF\\_ABCB5263-F3EB-4681-B1C7-08DB55A723FF/land-transport-road-safety-amendment-bill](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/53SCJU_SCF_ABCB5263-F3EB-4681-B1C7-08DB55A723FF/land-transport-road-safety-amendment-bill)

**Environmental Committee – Inquiry into Seabed Mining in New Zealand – closes 23 June.**

[https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/53SCEN\\_SCF\\_DDFCA39-6COA-4157-17D5-08DB51C92C39/inquiry-into-seabed-mining-in-new-zealand](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/53SCEN_SCF_DDFCA39-6COA-4157-17D5-08DB51C92C39/inquiry-into-seabed-mining-in-new-zealand)

**Social Workers Registration Legislation Amendment Bill – closes 7 June.**

[https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/53SCSS\\_SCF\\_9EOB3F66-5C02-4889-B93C-08DB3BCOBCE7/social-workers-registration-legislation-amendment-bill](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/53SCSS_SCF_9EOB3F66-5C02-4889-B93C-08DB3BCOBCE7/social-workers-registration-legislation-amendment-bill)

**Environment Canterbury – The Peoples Panel - ongoing**

<https://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/hub-page/te-korari>

**Ministry for the Environment – NZ ETS limits and price control settings for units 2023 – closes 16 June.**

<https://consult.environment.govt.nz/climate/annual-updates-nz-ets-unit-settings-2023/>

## **6. WYC MEMBER REPORTS**

### **Zack Lappin**

Zack attended a good RTS meeting. And the new traffic lights in Southbrook Road area now operating.

Zack has been approached by the Greater Christchurch Council and Emily will investigate further.

### **Ruby Wilson**

The next Road Safety meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 June between 10 – 12 noon. If anyone is available to attend this meeting, please advise Ruby.

### **Emily Belton – Public Transport Steering Group**

Unfortunately, Emily was unable to attend the last meeting, Zack has had a brief conversation with Stacey, and both agreed it is hard for rural communities to link into these meetings. A query was received by Emily – she will follow this up and report at a later meeting.

### **Yulissa Louw**

Yulissa attended an Youth Voice Canterbury meeting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May. A political training event will take place on Sunday 25 June. Please let Emily know if anyone is interested in attending and transport can be arranged if required.

Friday 7 July on one day Te Tiriti course will be held and is open to all youth council members. This is a chance to learn about politics; Emily will send the forms out.

The next YVC meeting to be held on Monday 12 June – it would be great for members to attend if possible. Youth Voice Canterbury are looking into holding monthly meetings in the future.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

#### **Presentation of Member Badges**

**Emily Belton**

Emily handed out named badges which youth council members can wear when attending events.

#### **WDC Alcohol Bylaw**

**Emily Belton**

The Waimakariri District Alcohol Control Bylaw is up for review before 1 October 2023; this is reviewed every five years with the last review undertaken in October 2018. Eva Woods has been employed as an intern on the Drug and Alcohol Steering Group. Council is keen to get feedback from youth council on their thoughts/ideas/improvements, if any.

There are nine questions relating to the survey to be distributed and Emily ran through some of them to get youth council's thoughts etc.

- Ashley Gorge
- Beach Settlements
- Kaiapoi Town
- Oxford Town
- Rangiora Town
- Woodend Town
- Murphy Park Reserve

Emily made note of the responses which will be passed on to council. Any further suggestions are welcome and can be discussed in greater depth. Contact Emily.

#### **North Canterbury Youth Futures Employers and Careers Expo Update** **Zack Lappin**

Held last week at the Rangiora High School with around 50 stallholders participating. Approximately 1,200 people went through the exhibition and the group gave a round of applause for Emily who was prominent in the organising of this event. This event also relates to the Mayor's Task Force for Jobs. Emily asked if anyone would like to see any particular employer or trade etc. exhibited at next years event, please notify Emily if anything comes to mind. A suggestion that it would be a good idea to invite a tertiary or university provider to participate. Another suggestion that more youth focused businesses be there.

#### **Community Workshop Seminar**

**Emily Belton**

All local community wards are running a workshop seminar information session on Thursday 1 June from 5-5.30 pm at Council Chambers.

**Festival for the Future update****Emily Belton**

Ruby and Charlotte will accompany Emily to Wellington next weekend for this conference. Emily asked them to think about what is important to them and what matters.

- What is important to the community?
- What is important in regard to Youth Council?
- What can be taken back to the community?

**General Communications****Emily Belton**

Emily has sent out a link to Whatsapp and has added Niki and Jason to the list.

**Resignation from Yulissa****Emily Belton**

Due to her move to the West Coast, Yulissa unfortunately has resigned from Youth Council. She has been on the committee for over two years and is sorry to have to leave. Niki Mealings (WDC Councillor) thanked Yulissa and on behalf of the group, Ruby thanked Yulissa for her contribution.

**Team Photograph**

A team photograph was then taken before the closing Karakia.

**ACTIONS:**

- Emily to follow up with Zack re Greater Christchurch Council
- Next Road Safety meeting 21 June – advise Ruby if interested.
- Emily to follow up on query received re public transport.
- Political training event Sunday 25 June – contact Emily.
- Emily to send out forms for one day Te Tiriti course Friday 7 July
- YVC meeting to be held Monday 12 June.

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Meeting closed at **8.50 pm.**

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**Next meeting is on 27 June 2023 7pm, to be held at the Rangiora Service Centre.**

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Date